GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4309
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ASSISTANCE TO ARTISTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have formulated any scheme to provide financial assistance to those artists who are facing financial hardship;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of artists provided financial assistance under this scheme, till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Culture is operating a scheme titled `Scheme of financial assistance to persons distinguished in letters, Arts and such other walks of life who may be in indigent circumstances and their dependents`.

(b) The Scheme provides assistance to artistes and their dependents @ Rs. 2000/- per month.The details of the scheme are enclosed at Annexure.

(c) The number of beneficiaries under the scheme till date are 633.
ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (b) to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.4309 for 21/4/2003.

Scheme of Financial Assitance to Persons Distinguished in Letters and Art whose Dependants may be indigent circumstances.

Aged or incapacitated artists are rendered financial support up to a maximum of Rs.2000/- per month through this scheme, details of which are given below. Under this scheme there is also a provision to look after the artists` dependents till a certain age limit and medical aid is provided to them.

Scheme Financial Assistance to Persons distinguished in Letters and Art whose dependants who are in indigent circumstances.

Objective To support and sustain old and poor artists.

Applicable to People (aged 58 or above) distinguished in letters and arts who may be in indigent circumstances and the monthly income of whose does not exceed Rs.2000/- per month.

Financial Assistance Assistance from the Government may be in the from of monthly allowance. Such allowance is given to artists recommended under the Centre-State/UT quota will be shared by the Centre and States /UT Government concerned in the ratio 3:1. However, the monthly allowance contributed by the Central Government in such cases shall not exceed Rs.1500/- per month, and in cases of those categories under Central quota shall not exceed Rs.2000/- per month.